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1. Joint Chiefs of Staff for ROK armed forces are to be organized in the near future in anticipation of the separation of ROK forces from the United Nations command. Organization plans have been completed but no chairman has been selected.
2. The ROK Defense Committee, organized on 24 June, has been authorized to decide high-level fiscal and operational defense policies and to conclude secret military treaties with foreign states without the consent of the ROK Cabinet or National Assembly.¹

1. Comment. According to press reports, members of the National Defense Committee are the following: Chairman (President RHEE), Prime-Minister, Ministers of National Defense, Home Affairs, Foreign Affairs and Finance; Army, Navy and Air Chiefs of Staff.

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